Jammu-Pathankot double track rail line

4412. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state since when the double track rail line from Jalandhar to jammu *via* Pathankot has been under construction; how much amount has been spent on it, how much distance has been covered,how much distance is yet to be covered and how much amount is still required for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : The work of doubling between Jalandhar-Jammu Tawi section (211.26 kms.) was included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances. Physical work on this project will start only after the requisite clearances become available. The expected expenditure likely to be incurred on this project is about Rs. 335 crores. No expenditure has been incurred on this work so far.

Expenditure in Railway Departments

4413. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any estimates relating to expenditure in various Railway departments, out of the total amount of annual expenditure; and

(b) if so, the percentage of expenditure incurred on general administration, Railway operations, Railway maintenance, production by the Railways and other social obligations during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expenditure details incurred on general administration, Railway operations, Railway maintenance, staff welfare and other activities as percentage of Ordinary Working Expenses during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given below:-

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
General Administration	5.52%	5.48%	5.40%
Railway Maintenance	34.04%	33.32%	33.48%
Railway Operations	52.24%	52.53%	52.49%
Staff Welfare	4.21%	4.20%	4.30%
Other expenditure including security, compensation claims, catering etc.	3.99%	4.47%	4.33%